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Carr retires after 40 years of service with Corps

Vicksburg, Miss., January 21, 2004 - Mr. Louis C. Carr, Technical Director for the Mississippi Valley Division/Mississippi River Commission (MVD/MRC), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES), retired this month after 40 years of service with the Corps.

He had served as Technical Director since January 2000. In this position, he served as the principal advisor to the Commander, MVD, and President, MRC, on directing and managing the engineering, construction, operations and real estate activities for flood control, navigation, water supply and environmental restoration projects in the Mississippi Valley Division.

At his retirement ceremony, Mr. Carr was presented the Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Outstanding Service in the Army Senior Executive Service Award. He also received the United States flag that was flown over the Corps' Motor Vessel *MISSISSIPPI* during the last Mississippi River Commission inspection trip he participated in.

Mr. Carr received the de Fleury medal for his outstanding service to the Mississippi Valley Division and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. De Fleury medals are a means by which the Corps of Engineers honors those individuals who have provided significant contributions to Army Engineering. Bronze medals are awarded to individuals who have rendered significant service or support to an element of the Engineer Regiment.

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Meritorious Civilian Service Awards are granted to individuals who have established a pattern of excellence. Carr received the award for his exemplary performance of duty from January 2000 to January 2004, as Director of Engineering and Technical Services Directorate at MVD, where he continually demonstrated exceptional ability to lead, organize, direct and manage one of the largest and most diverse civil works division programs in the Corps of Engineers.

The Outstanding Service in the Army SES Awards are given upon retirement to those individuals who have served in an outstanding manner for three years or more as Army SES members.

Mr. Carr earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Prairie View A&M University, Texas, and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is also a registered professional engineer.

Carr was born in Marshall, Texas. He is married to the former Elma Jean Felder of Houston, Texas, and they have three adult children and four grandsons.

The Mississippi Valley Division is responsible for Corps water resources programs in a 370,000-square-mile area that includes portions of 12 states; its boundary extends from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. District offices are headquartered in St. Paul, Minn.; Rock Island, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Memphis, Tenn.; Vicksburg, Miss.; and New Orleans, La. The presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission is responsible for the comprehensive Mississippi River and Tributaries flood control and navigation project.